"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Scab on wheat appears to be a major problem again this year. As you remember the grain can be dangerous to feed pregnant animals because of possible abortions. There is no practical control of scab on wheat.

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Dates for fall feeder sales have been released. Yearling Steer Sale September 11, 1st Feeder Calf Sale October 2, 2nd Feeder Calf Sale October 23.

If you have not previously consigned to one of these sales and would like to this year, let us know in order that we can send a nomination form.

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Last week on a tour of the Virginia Crop Improvement Seed Farm we saw several new barley varieties that may be released this fall. Their major advantage over current recommended ones is their disease resistance which means higher yields.

Another interesting work is sod planting corn over crown vetch. The crown vetch is killed back and corn planted; later the crown vetch comes out and continues as a perennial legume. Crown vetch fixes about 60 pounds of nitrogen. This procedure has worked well in Pennsylvania. We'll look forward to seeing how it works in Virginia.

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MH-30 can be used to inhibit sprout growth on white potatoes. Apply two tablespoons MH-30 per 100 ft. row of potatoes one week after blossom fall. The vines must be green and growing at the time of application for MH-30 to be effective, although at the time of application several of the lower leaves will probably have turned yellow.

If it rains within 24 hours after treatment, the control of sprouts will not be effective.

Do not apply MH-30 to potatoes grown for seed.

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Strawberries need to be renovated after harvest is complete. Remove with a mower all old foliage. Care should be exercised in order not to damage the crown.

Remove all old foliage and burn. Apply ½ lb. of nitrate of soda per 100 foot of row. This is also a good time to thin plants to 6 to 8 inches apart. Treat with a herbicide such as Dacthal to control grass and weeds. Watering if possible is a good practice.

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PRECIPITATION:	
Last Week	.34
This Month	2.24
This Year	30.89

Historical Dolls In California Museum

by Hazel Harvey

Historical dolls once again represent art from Virginia, in the "Fond Memories" Museum of California.

The "Doughgirl" doll was chosen to represent art, from Central Virginia in 1968 and was placed in the "crossroads of the world museum" in Sandiego, California (where it remains today).

A representative of the "Fond Memories" Museum of California(who was visting all the United States) collecting material for the Bicentennial exhibition, visited Appomattox desiring to obtain the entire collection of handmade dolls created by Hazel Harvey, shown above with some of her work.

The collection of 50 dolls represent people from the beginning of American History to the present generation.

Mrs. Harvey did agree to make a special order - Virginia Dare, Betsy Ross, Martha Washington, George Washington, Lula McLean, Anne Lee, General Robert E. Lee, Dr. Martin L. King, his wife, Coretta. However, she says she will never part with the entire collection.

The dolls are uniquely Appomattox and the nation will know this is where their origin lies.

The Appomattox Surrender park has given various suggestions, provided illustrations and referred me to other sources of information, in securing pictures, descriptions and stories to help create the dolls of Appomattox clay.

My greatest reward is knowing I have contributed toward the advancement of historical knowledge for both young and old Americans (hundreds have viewed the collection since the Bicentennial Celebration started.)

The historical dolls are depicted in a coloring book for children, along with charcoal sketches of the Struggle for Independance, The Historical and Cultural Growth of Our Nation, hand sketched for coloring by Hazel Harvey.

Appomattox County Library

by Verna Conner

From one of the Library scrapbooks, filled with news of ten or more years ago, comes the following rhyme which seemed worth repeating.

"Why am I reading so late at night
And losing my sleep and wrecking my sight?
Is the book so absorbing, so hard to put down
Is that why I look at the clock so and frown?
No, the reason is this, I confess with some sorrow
It's a library book, and it's due tomorrow."

The poem is by Richard Armour but was given to the library by the late Mr. W. S. Jones.

This time of year is especially hard on librarians as they are supposed to have all students' books returned before school closes. Some are never returned and since they are usually the ones needed every year, it is a big loss to the library.

Think about this - - Is there really any difference in borrowing a book and not returning it and borrowing money and not paying it back?

This week I would like to get you interested in a series of books by Alan Drury. The first of these, **"Advise and Consent"** is a little hard to read. I simply scanned this one but the others - - I could hardly wait for the next installment. Yes, that is the way they are written - - like a continued story in a magazine.

The second book is entitled, **"Shade of Difference"** then **"Preserve and Protect"**, **"Come Nineteen Come Tyre"** and the last so far is **"Promise of Joy"**.

All of these, as you may have guessed, are about Washington, D.C. and the political game played there... The same characters become old friends or enemies as the case may be. The more one reads the more enthralled one becomes until it seems perfectly natural to say, "I know that man, he is Mr. So and So who did such and such a thing in 1969 or 70."

Right in the middle of these political books Mr. Drury wrote, **"Throne of Saturn"** which is not related to the others. Then he returned to his first love and here's hoping he writes many more.

If by any chance you took my advice last week and read **"Plain Speaking"**, don't stop there. Go to your County Library and ask for the book in which the Berlin Airlift takes place. I can't think of the name of it but shall try to have it for you by next week. It is wonderful what America can do when once it makes up its mind.

It seems to me that in my young days I was told never to use "I" unless it was absolutely necessary. Well, there is just no way for me to tell you what I think of a book unless I say, "I like it". When I worked at the Library there was one girl who always said, "Don't give me any 'I books'." So forgive me and keep reading.

MRS. C. G. O'BRIEN is seen above presenting a needlepoint square to Mrs. John Ranson, Vice Chairman of the Appomattox County Council of Extension Homemakers. This Appomattox County Council of Extension Homemakers. This square was made by Mrs. O'Brien for Appomattox County to present at the State Family Resources Conference to be held at VPI &SU July 22-24. At Blacksburg this will become a part of a 9' x 12' tapestry for the Bicentennial Celebration.

BIBLE SCHOOL AT RED OAK

The Vacation Bible School will be held at Red Oak Church from June 16 through June 20 each evening at 8:30 p.m. All children in the community are invited. Rev. G. E. Hughes is pastor of the church.

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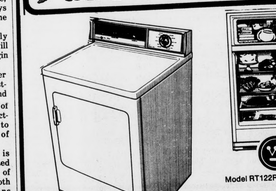

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Continental Telephone Announces Merging of Three Companies

Commonwealth Telephone Company, First Colony Telephone and Tidewater Telephone have been merged into Continental Telephone of Virginia, consolidating all operations in the Commonwealth under the Continental of Virginia name.

"From an operations standpoint, these companies have been managed as a unit for some time now", explained William Dales, vice president - operations for Virginia. "We'll now be able to improve our overall efficiency just that much more by consolidating all the separate accounting and bookkeeping records that were required for the four individual companies."

"From the customer's standpoint, the major change that he will notice is only in the changing of the company's name. Other than that, there will be no basic change in how operations are handled throughout Virginia. Our local management will continue to be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day service in their respective areas.

With the merger, Continental Telephone of Virginia becomes the largest independent telephone company in Virginia, serving more than 253,000 total telephones; and the largest operating subsidiary of the nationwide Continental Telephone System.

SPOUT SPRING BAPTIST BEGINS BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 16

Spout Spring Baptist Church will begin its Vacation Bible School June 16 and continue through June 20 with classes from 9:00 until 12:00 each morning. Commencement exercises will be held on Friday evening at 7:30.

The director of Bible School, Mrs. Edwin Eugene Martin, and the pastor, Rev. C. H. Crabtree, Jr., invites all boys and girls to attend.

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Appomattox County . . . Yesterday And Today

Paul Ghisto

...ooks have been ...overning the Civil ...any other event in ...istory. In fact, some ...of famous literary ...s today revolved ...tragic conflict. ...braham Lincoln for ...ne short but ...Gettysburg Ad... ...se couple hundred ...been studied and ...students ever since. ...County has also ...scene of quite a ...important historical ...cluded among these ...ders of correspond... ...n Generals Lee and ...their subsequent ...s. However, Lee's ...ker Number 9, his ...press to his army, is ...popular.

...any politicians and ...executives have oth... ...ft speeches and ...them, so did General ...ee at Appomattox. ...ary secretary, Lieu... ...Colonel Charles S. ...had been the man ...ted the McLean ...who was the only ...erate soldier pre... ...e parlor for the ...nference. A grand ...the former U. S. ...John Marshall, he ...Baltimore lawyer ...Civil War. Now, he ...to put in writing a ...feelings of affec...men.

...Lt. Col. Marshall ...eneral Lee has been ...of some controver... ...es abound as to ...written, how it was ...how many "orig... ...were made and so ...has it that Lee ...delivered his fare... ...neath a poplar tree ...quarters area.

...himself attempted ...air in a letter to a ...tember, 1887. The ...tals account:

...Lee's order to the ...northern Virginia at ...Court House was ...day after the ...McLean's house, at ...terms of surrender ...upon. That night ...at with several of ...in front of his tent, ...some conversation ...any, and the events ...which his feelings ...were strongly ...he told me to ...order to the troops. ...day (April 10) it ...and many persons ...and going, so that ...to write without ...until about 10 ...when General Lee, ...that the order had not ...prepared, directed me to ...his ambulance, which ...his tent, and placed ...to prevent anyone from approaching me.

"I sat in the ambulance until I had written the order, the first draft of which (in pencil) contained an entire paragraph that was omitted by General Lee's direction. He made one or two verbal changes, and I then made a copy of the order as corrected, and gave it to one of the clerks in the adjutant-general's office to write in ink. I took the copy, when made by the clerk, to the general, who signed it, and after copies were then made - for transmission to the corps commanders and the staff of the army. All these copies were signed by the general, and a good many persons sent other copies which they had made or procured, and obtained his signature. In this way many copies of the order had the general's name signed as if they were originals, some of which I have seen."

The following version is believed to be the most authentic of Marshall's approved draft:

GENERAL ORDER NO. 9
Headquarters, Army of Northern Virginia
April 10, 1865

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them.

But feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement officers and men can return to their homes and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a Merciful God will extend to you His blessing and protection.

With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous considerations for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

R.E. Lee
Genl.

LOOKING BACK . . .

1. Revolutionary War hero from the area:
a.) Ethan Eldrange b.) Peter Francisco c.) Carlton Agee d.) Daniel Bonner
2. Population of county in 1920:
a.) 8489 b.) 9828 c.) 7532 d.) 9255
3. There were how many marriages in 1932?
a.) 25 b.) 104 c.) 39 d.) 67
4. Former location of a junior high school:
a.) Hixburg b.) Vera c.) Liberty Chapel d.) Spout Spring
5. Never a county grade school:
a.) Buck Hollow b.) Pettys Fork c.) Iron Hill d.) Falling River

ANSWERS:
1.) b
2.) d
3.) d
4.) c
5.) d

Attention: Dark Fire-Cured Tobacco Growers

Dr. Jim Jones, Extension Tobacco Specialist VPI, will appear on WLVA's Farm and Home TV program as a guest of Extension Agent Cornell B. Godman at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Dr. Jones and Mr. Goldman will discuss important dark tobacco production practices from transplanting through the harvesting of fire-cured tobacco among other things. They will cover insect control, cultivation, top dressing, topping, sucker control, the Dark Fired Tobacco Growers Recognition Awards Program, and the outlook for the 1975 tobacco crop. All dark tobacco growers in the area are urged to watch this program Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. on Channel 13.

Graduates From U.S. Air Force Police Course

SAN ANTONIO - An official at Lackland AFB, Tex., has announced the graduation of Staff Sergeant Vernon E. Dyke of Concord, Va., from the U. S. Air Force security police course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Sergeant Dyke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robin C. Dyke, of Concord, is now trained in security and law enforcement. Completion of the course enables him to receive academic credits from the Community College of the Air Force. He is being assigned to McGuire AFB, N.J.

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A Bicentennial Event!

By D. W. Mac Pherson
Virginia Tech Extension

As "Variety" magazine put it, "The Bicentennial Radio Network . . . qualifies as the most ambitious broadcasting contribution to the Nation's 200th anniversary celebration . . . chronicling the day-to-day history of the Revolutionary War."

Wouldn't it be significant today if radio broadcasters and tape recorders had existed 200 years ago? Reporters in both America and England would have recorded for posterity their living,day-by-day accounting of the events of the American Revolution. You could again hear the news as it was, 200 years ago today, June 12, 1775: "Martial law has been declared in Canada. Governor Sir Guy . . ."

Feeling that the "national bicentennial commission is not doing enough to tie all the historical facts together," the Bicentennial Radio Network originator's objective is to give a daily, overall view of the revolutionary conflict. The historical newscasts are produced by a Hampton-based group, with the technical cooperation of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Now, the **Appomattox County Centennial Commission**, in cooperation with WTXT Radio, offers a series of historical newscasts containing historically accurate-to-the-day reports of a military, diplomatic, and human interest nature. American newsmen report events from the scene in the Colonies, while their British colleagues report events from England. Both reports are included in each day's program, and the daily program will be broadcast several times daily beginning in Appomattox with Mon., June 16, 1975.

The historic series has been classified as "instructional" by the FCC and it represents a significant public service commitment from your Bicentennial Commission and WTXT Radio. Many public schools and colleges have integrated the program into their history courses. Your BC has purchased the series for one month, trusting that Appomattox interest will abound and local businesses will want to sponsor future newscasts. The series lends itself to a variety of promotional and merchandising techniques and is planned to continue through October, 1981, marking 200 years since Cornwallis' surrender to General Washington at Yorktown. If after hearing the broadcasts you want a continuation of the program, be sure to contact a BC member, WTTX Radio, or a local business.

As the "New England Business Journal" remarked, "What could be of more human or historical interest than the nugget that the British general at Fort Ticonderoga surrendered with pants in hand. The textbook always made him dress for the occasion."

ANDERSON NAMED JUNIOR MEMBER OF A. ANGUS ASSOCIATION

Andrew A. Anderson, Appomattox, Va., has been granted a junior membership in the American Angus Association at St. Joseph, Missouri, announced Lloyd D. Miller, executive secretary.

This new junior membership entitles the member to register purebred Angus at regular membership rates and to the privileges of the Association until the age of 21. At that time junior members are eligible to convert to lifetime membership in the Association.

There are approximately 30,000 people in the United States to receive junior memberships last month.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN AT BETHANY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Revival services at the Bethany Pentecostal Holiness Church, located on State Road 650 will begin on June 16 and continue nightly through June 22. Laymen of the church will conduct the services each night at 7:30.

Those in charge of the services are Monday night, Floyd Mayberry; Tuesday night, Mrs. Lizzie Nash; Wednesday night, Mrs. Homer Reed; Thursday night, Mrs. Hunter Nash; Friday night, Mrs. Odelle Mayberry; Saturday night, Beverley Franklin; and Sunday night, Mrs. Lizzie Nash.

June 14 Is Flag Day

Both before and after the Declaration of Independence, a score or more "impudent banners" were adopted by the colonials to signify their cause. Some of these flags were of entirely local origin while others, still acknowledging allegiance to the King if not the British Ministry, were adaptations of the British Red Ensign, a red flag with the Union Jack on the "canton" (the rectangle at the upper corner were the blue field is located on the presented American flag) or the Blue Ensign, a blue flag with the Red Cross of St. George at the canton. Popular symbols like the rattlesnake, the beaver, and the pine tree, and slogans such as "union", "liberty","liberty or death", "an appeal to heaven", and "don't tread on me" appeared on many of these flags. The thirteen colonies were variously represented on the flags of individual military units with such devices as thirteen arrows in the mailed fist, thirteen stars, thirteen hands grasping in an endless chain, thirteen rattles on a snake's tail, and thirteen stripes. On January 2, 1976, George Washington celebrated his successful organization of the rag-time militia around Boston in a Continental Army by raising a flag most popularly known as the "Grand Union Flag". This flag represented the thirteen colonies with alternating red and white stripes arranged horizontally on the field, yet proclaimed nominal loyalty to the King with the display of the Union Jack at the canton. A variety of red and white striped flags proved most popular among Continental forces on land and sea. The "Pine Tree Flag" of 1775 had red and white stripes with a rattlesnake superimposed along with the motto "don't tread on me."

But if any single flag could be said to have predominated throughout the thirteen colonies, it was the "Grand Union". It is ironic that this flag, still bearing the Union Jack flew above the American soldiers and seamen who fought at Manhattan, Lake Champlain, and probably Trenton and Princeton as well, also a full year after the Declaration of Independence.

This incongruity was set aside by the Second Continental Congress by adopting the first flag of the United States, now an independent Nation: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

It was not until April 4, 1818, that a flag law was enacted prescribing a flag of thirteen permanent horizontal stripes, and the addition of a new star to the flag on the 4th of July following the addition of each new state to the Union. While this law did not establish the arrangement of the stars, it did end the previous practice of adding a new stripe as well as a new star as each state joined the Union. Ever since, the President has determined the arrangement of the stars by executive order.

On August 3, 1949, President Truman signed into law a joint Congressional resolution: "That the 14th day of June of each year is hereby designated as Flag Day and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation calling upon officials of the Government to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on such day, and urging the people to observe the day as the anniversary of the adoption of June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States of America."

Vacation Bible School at Providence

You are invited to attend Vacation Bible School beginning June 16 and ending June 20 at Providence Baptist Church in Red House. There will be a class every day from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for each age group beginning with 3 year olds and going through 12 year olds. Those young people, 13 years old and older, will have a night-time class at the church at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Start your summer out right by attending Vacation Bible School with us!

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